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THE MacARTHUR-KOREA STORY

On April 11th, we celebrated the tenth anniversary of a famous event. However, 'celebrate' is hardly the proper word because it was a tragic event for the United States and for the free world generally. We refer to the removal ten years ago of General Douglas MacArthur as U.S. Supreme Commander in the Far East and Commanding General of the forces fighting the Korean War. MacArthur, who is regarded by many leading authorities as America's greatest general, was pre-

cipitately and without warning fired from his commands by President Harry S. Truman.

Of course it is easy to say: Why bring *that* up again? But today we are faced with one crisis after another in the Far East. One month it is the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu. Another month it is Formosa. Another time it is Laos, or Vietnam, or Burma. We are pounded at day in and day out to do business with the Chinese Communists who, with their partners the Russian Reds, stir up all the

trouble. The point is that many if not most of these current crises had their beginnings ten years ago when President Truman fired General MacArthur and when, in Korea, for the first time in American history, we fought a war which we did not carry to victory.

It was Patrick Henry who said: 'I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging of the future but by the past.' But how do we judge, if the past is hidden from us? Recently we had occasion to examine nearly a dozen history and modern-events textbooks used in American high schools. Not a single one of these books related fully and fairly the events surrounding MacArthur's removal by Truman. This episode, and the hidden forces which brought it about, was one of the most significant in modern American history. Yet these

textbooks from which your children are taught devoted, at the most, a few dozen lines to the story. Some dismissed it in six or seven lines, and one textbook did not mention it at all!

We call attention to all this because a 24-page pamphlet is now available which tells this whole dramatic story fully, yet briefly. It is called **THE MacARTHUR-KOREA STORY** by Rosalie Gordon. It is an exciting, even shocking, but strictly factual account of the events which led to the Korean War, of MacArthur's part in it, and of the forces and men which brought about his removal.

Subscribers to America's Future may have a free copy of the new pamphlet **THE MacARTHUR-KOREA STORY** by writing to America's Future, Inc., 542 Main St., New Rochelle, N. Y.

BRAVO!

These are the days of the Great White Father in Washington - the national government, which is supposed to be the dispenser of all good things. The era we live in has been called the 'gimme age' -

the age of the outstretched palm when everybody looks to Washington for the solution of anything and everything that goes wrong. In an atmosphere like this, it is easy to become discouraged - to say

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that the day of the self-reliant, self-respecting American is past and that we are well along the road to that dull and drab society where the State controls everything.

It is true, of course, that many of the things we do in our public life have in them elements of great danger — that while we pretend a hatred and horror of the socialist slavery which is communism, we come to imitate it more and more. However, self-reliance, self-respect, integrity — values inherent in the love of freedom — are hard things to kill. It is a pleasure to report that there still exists in the United States a good deal of what might be called

just plain oldfashioned Americanism. Here are two widely separated examples.

In the State of Texas there is a little town called Italy. Probably few people outside of Texas have ever heard of it. Its population is less than 2500. But the town and its people deserve some sort of medal for giving great metropolitan centers like New York or Los Angeles a lesson in self-reliance. The town of Italy was struck by a tornado not long ago. Washington, as you know, has been very busy pulling at our heartstrings with tales of 'distressed' and 'depressed' areas all over America. And you must admit that there are too many communities which, the moment they lose an industry or a river overflows, start yelling for a federal handout to save them. Naturally there is always a certain type of Washington politician ready and willing, even eager, to fling your tax dollars around indiscriminately. This makes the politicians look very big-hearted, especially when election time rolls around.

In any case, when Italy, Texas was struck by a tornado the damage was considerable. Its congressman, under the prevailing atmosphere in Wash-

ington, offered to ask for federal money - \$750,000 - to repair the damage. The City Council thought it over and then authorized the editor of the local newspaper, Mr. Russell Bryant, to reply to the offer of a federal handout. Here is Mr. Bryant's telegram to Washington: 'City Council

authorizes me to thank you for offer of federal disaster funds. We feel the Federal Treasury is in worse shape than Italy and suggest that any allocation set up for Italy be applied to the national debt.' To which we can only say - Bravo!

HOPE FOR AMERICA

Many miles from Italy, Texas is another American town called Middletown. It is in Pennsylvania not far from the capital city of Harrisburg. It is larger than Italy, but still a rather small town of about 10,000 people. It has just been through a knock-down-and-drag-out battle with another branch of the federal handout machine in Washington. There is a certain type of mind - and they gravitate to places of power - which thinks it can plan everyone's lives. This type of do-gooder wants to make over the world - with other people's money. If he can't plan for the world, he will settle for a country, or a state. Eventually, he gets around to cities and towns. American cities and towns managed to build and rebuild themselves, or preserve what their people liked in the

towns, for many decades. But this does not suit the busy-body Washington planners. So they thought up something called 'urban renewal.' Basically it is just another way to spend federal money - your money. The idea behind it is to designate certain areas in our cities and towns as 'blighted.' Then the federal spenders come in to rebuild the area the way *they* think it ought to be.

Somebody decided the urban-renewal boys should be turned loose on Middletown, Pa. - or rather on a particular section of this 270-year-old town. It is true that many of the homes in the area are old, but the majority of them are neat and well-kept and, what is most important, the residents like them the way they are. Two-thirds of the homes are individually-owned. As is the

case in almost any neighborhood, there are a few houses which need repair or renovation or replacement. But the residents could not figure out why the whole area should be torn down and rebuilt according to some plan dreamed up by a busy bureaucrat. They like their homes; in fact they are proud of them. Many residents offered to open their homes to the urban-renewal boys so they could see that they were far from what the

bureaucrats like to call 'blighted.' But the people of Middletown did more. They fought the whole proposal tooth and nail and finally, at a meeting of the Borough Council last month, it was roundly defeated, at least for the time being.

So long as there are still left in our cities and towns people like the citizens of Italy, Texas and Middletown, Pennsylvania, there is hope for America.

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Book Review

TO RESTORE AMERICANISM

THE QUIET BETRAYAL by Sidney DeLove, 252 pages, Normandie House, Chicago, \$3.50.

This book is an eloquent and stirring entreaty for a return to the teaching of Americanism in our schools. Before anyone sneers 'Oh, that old stuff again!' stop for a moment and think what the word means. On what are Russian youth raised? On communism of course. On what were the youth of Mussolini's Italy raised? On fascism. On what are the youth in half a dozen socialist countries raised? On socialism. Only in the

United States, since the advent of 'the quiet betrayal,' is American youth filled with diluted concepts of every ism except Americanism.

Americanism, or the teaching thereof, is basically nothing more nor less than the thrilling story of liberty and the means, methods, principles, and traditions by which, in a strictly American contribution to mankind's progress, it was secured on this continent. It is Mr. DeLove's contention that much if not all of the knowledge of this wonderful heritage has been and is

being denied to our youth because of 'the quiet betrayal' which the mass of Americans permitted to be put over on them. The perpetrators were a band of collectivist-minded 'modern' educationists whose weird philosophy captured the hierarchy of the National Education Association and other influential school groups. And out of their fallacious theories, which have permeated so much of our educational system for so many years, grew the modern American who lost, or never found, a sense of the true meaning of what it means to be an American. This, says Mr. DeLove, explains a great part of our current dash toward disaster.

But this is no theoretical essay on American history and education. Mr. DeLove is a lawyer turned successful banker. He is also the founder of Chicago's Independence Hall, an inspirational resemblance of our famed national shrine in Philadelphia. He does not hesitate to back up his charge of betrayal

with names, quotations, documentation -and with practical suggestions for rescuing our youth before it is too late. He recognizes, of course, that all who undertake this task - he rightly says it is up to each and every citizen - must be able to withstand the smear of being 'enemies of public education.' But the answers are here for anyone willing to read and use them.

We hope in future editions of his book (may there be many!) Mr. DeLove's publisher will do better by him with some expert proofreading and editorial excision. These are minor matters to the average reader, but they are the sort of thing the 'liberal' critics love to pounce on in an effort to discredit books like this. And please - how about an index? There is much meaty and useful material in this book, but the reader should be able to find it quickly when he returns for ammunition to back up the author's plea for action.

- Rosalie Gordon

WHO IS SO LOW?

"Been in the stores lately? Hats 'made in Italy.' Cameras 'made in Japan.' Shoes made in Hong Kong,' tools 'made in Germany,' and automobiles made in Germany, England, Italy, Sweden, and soon, they say, Russia. And of course that means

American dollars shipped out of this country by the billions to pay for all these things -and American jobs gone forever.

"Why this sudden inability of America - once the great manufacturing nation - to compete, to hold its markets and jobs? Because shorter and shorter hours at more and more pay has for years been the goal of millions in this country. Of course, costs and prices go up; of course people buy lower-cost goods from abroad.

"Is America beaten? Can we get those jobs back in time to forestall a crushing depression? Only if the emphasis changes from leisure to *value* - the principle that built America in the first place. Only if people earn their higher pay by producing more for it, and so keep this nation free from dependence and depression.

"What, worthwhile, can you do with leisure in a depressed nation? Who is so low as to trade leisure for self-respect?"

- Warner & Swasey, Cleveland, O.

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